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1. The ARAC* (Association Republicaine des Anciens Combattants), a pro-Communist veterans' organization now active in France, is composed of groups of reserve officers with Communist tendencies who could form the nucleus of a "really Republican" army, source reports.
2. Jean Duclos, brother of CP Secretary-General Jacques Duclos, heads the ARAC in Paris. Headquarters are on the Faubourg Montmartre.
3. The ARAC is closely affiliated with other pro-Communist veterans' organizations: (a) Association des Volontaires de l'Espagne Republicaine, (b) Amicale des Anciens FTP Espagnols, (c) Spanish Federation of Political Internees and Deportees. Colonel Paz, FTP veteran, serves as liaison with the Spanish groups.
4. Toulouse headquarters of the ARAC are at 52 Ave. de la Grande Bretagne. Following is a list, as given by [REDACTED] of the leading officers of the Toulouse branch:

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President: M. Serres
Vice Presidents: Louise Agenos, Georges Fournial, Daniel Menou
Secretaries-General: Ernest Dupeyre, Georges Granger
Technical Counsellors: Leopold Nigon, Robert Caussat
Treasurers: Francis Berdoulat, Marcel Michau
Propaganda Secretaries: Marius Laballe, Louis Grod
In charge of press matters: Louis Blanchet

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- * Do not confuse with ARC (Association Republicaine des Combattants). The ARC is a recently organized anti-Communist group with headquarters on the Avenue de l'Opera.

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